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Financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 62/233 B on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT), the General Assembly appropriated for MINURCAT the total amount of $315,083,400 for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of $301,124,200 for the maintenance of the Mission, $12,168,700 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and $1,790,500 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

2. Resources approved by the General Assembly for the Mission provided for the deployment of 50 military liaison officers, 300 United Nations police officers, 25 government-provided personnel (Corrections Officers), as well as for the civilian staffing establishment of 512 international staff, 117 United Nations Volunteers and 573 national staff.

3. By its resolution 1861 (2009), the Security Council, inter alia, extended the mandate of MINURCAT until 15 March 2010 and authorized the deployment of a military component of MINURCAT to follow up the European Union Force (EUFOR) in both Chad and the Central African Republic at the end of its mandate, decided that the transfer of authority between EUFOR and the military component of MINURCAT would take place on 15 March 2009 and also decided that MINURCAT should include a maximum of 300 police officers, 25 military liaison officers, 5,200 military personnel and an appropriate number of civilian personnel.

4. In the light of providing MINURCAT with the immediate cash and operational resources needed to support the expansion of the Mission, the present note contains a request for commitment authority with assessment for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 in the amount of $140,731,900, inclusive of the amount of $49,868,400 previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to meet the cost of initial critical logistical and personnel

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requirements of MINURCAT in order to facilitate the transfer of authority from EUFOR to the United Nations. The commitment authority is requested pursuant to section IV, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 49/233.

5. The estimated additional requirements of $140,731,900 take into account resources already provided by the General Assembly for the maintenance of MINURCAT, pursuant to its resolution 62/233 B, and provide, as detailed in paragraphs 8 to 10 below, for the initial deployment by 30 June 2009 of 4,250 military contingent personnel ($67,871,200), expansion of existing and construction of new facilities and infrastructure to accommodate military personnel, including acquisition of equipment necessary to equip military camps, rehabilitation and expansion of existing airfields ($60,002,100) and deployment of additional air assets ($12,858,600).

6. The staffing establishment of the MINURCAT Division of Mission Support approved for the 2008/09 period reflects its requirements for the support of the military liaison officers, United Nations police and substantive staff. In view of Security Council resolution 1861 (2009), in which the Council authorized the deployment of a military component of MINURCAT to follow up EUFOR, with the transfer of authority from EUFOR to the United Nations on 15 March 2009, the immediate augmentation of the Mission's logistical planning, engineering and technical staffing capacity is required in order to prepare for the deployment of the United Nations military force and support the significant engineering projects to be implemented in a short span of time.

7. The additional immediate staffing requirements of MINURCAT involve the establishment of temporary positions for a Force Commander (D-2) and a Deputy Force Commander (D-1) as well as the establishment in the field and at United Nations Headquarters of 69 general temporary assistance positions, comprising 42 temporary positions at the Professional level and 27 at the General Service level. The positions provide for the augmentation of the Mission's staffing capacity related to strategic transition planning, engineering, project management, contract management, hydrological assessments, aviation, movement control, procurement, finance and recruitment of civilian personnel. The related resource requirements will be accommodated from within the Mission's approved 2008/09 budget and reported to the General Assembly in the context of the MINURCAT financial performance report for the 2008/09 period.

8. The additional requirements of $67,871,200 under military contingents are attributable to the projected phased deployment by 30 June 2009 of 2,810 troops and to the transfer under MINURCAT authority on 15 March 2009 of 1,440 troops (8 infantry units) deployed to Chad as part of EUFOR, for a total initial deployment of 4,250 military contingent personnel. Provisions are made accordingly for the reimbursement of troop-contributing Governments for standard troop and equipment costs, deployment of military contingents and transportation of contingent-owned equipment, standard daily allowance payable to troops, mission subsistence allowance for staff officers, death and disability compensation and rations. Pending the conclusion of memorandums of understanding with the troop-contributing countries, the above provisions also include the estimated requirements for self-sustainment costs based on the memorandums of understanding under negotiation. A 30 per cent delayed deployment factor has been applied to the computation of the

estimated requirements with respect to the 2,810 military contingent personnel to be deployed to MINURCAT in addition to the troops to be transferred from EUFOR.

9. The additional requirements of $60,002,100 under facilities and infrastructure reflect provisions for the construction of two transit camps in Abéché and N'Djamena (one in each location), the construction of hardwall accommodation for troops at different locations, including force headquarters and accommodation facilities in Abéché, the extension and rehabilitation of existing runways to accommodate a larger capacity aircraft at the Abéché airport and upgrading of the airport to meet the safety requirements established by the International Civil Aviation Organization. The cost estimate also provides for the acquisition of generators of various capacities and related fuel requirements, water purification equipment, water and septic tanks, and fuel tanks to provide for the storage of fuel where no storage capacity exists.

10. The additional requirements of $12,858,600 for air transportation take into account MINURCAT air assets, comprising 6 helicopters and 6 fixed-wing aircraft, and provide for the deployment of 16 additional helicopters (5 commercially contracted medium cargo/passenger helicopters and 11 military-type helicopters contracted with troop-contributing countries), as well as one small and one medium fixed-wing aircraft to provide additional capacity for the movement of personnel and transportation of cargo in an expanded area of operation.

11. **The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of MINURCAT are:**

(a) **Authorization for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the expansion of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 in the amount of $140,731,900, inclusive of the amount of $49,868,400 previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to meet the cost of initial critical logistical and personnel requirements of MINURCAT, and in addition to the amount of $301,124,200 already appropriated for the maintenance of MINURCAT for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 62/233 B;**

(b) **Assessment of the amount of $140,731,900 for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, in addition to the amount of $301,124,200 already assessed for the maintenance of the Mission for the same period under the terms of General Assembly resolution 62/233 B.**